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Application No. 09/937,941  
Filing Date January 25, 2002  
First Named Inventor Daniele Venturini  
Group Art Unit 3732  
Examiner Name Pedro Philogene  
Attorney Docket No 213653

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**  
Address to:  
Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Form PTO-1449

v. ☐ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449

vi. ☐ Other: Return Receipt Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

c. ☒ Other: Form PTO-1083

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

i. ☒ RCE fee of \$770.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 770.00

ii. ☒ Three-month extension of time fee of \$950.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 950.00

iii. ☒ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

iv. ☐ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))

v. ☐ Other:

**Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account \$ 1,720.00**

b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on November 20, 2003, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV329750074US, addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Name (Print/Type)	Jeannie Rapstad		
Signature		Date	November 20, 2003

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